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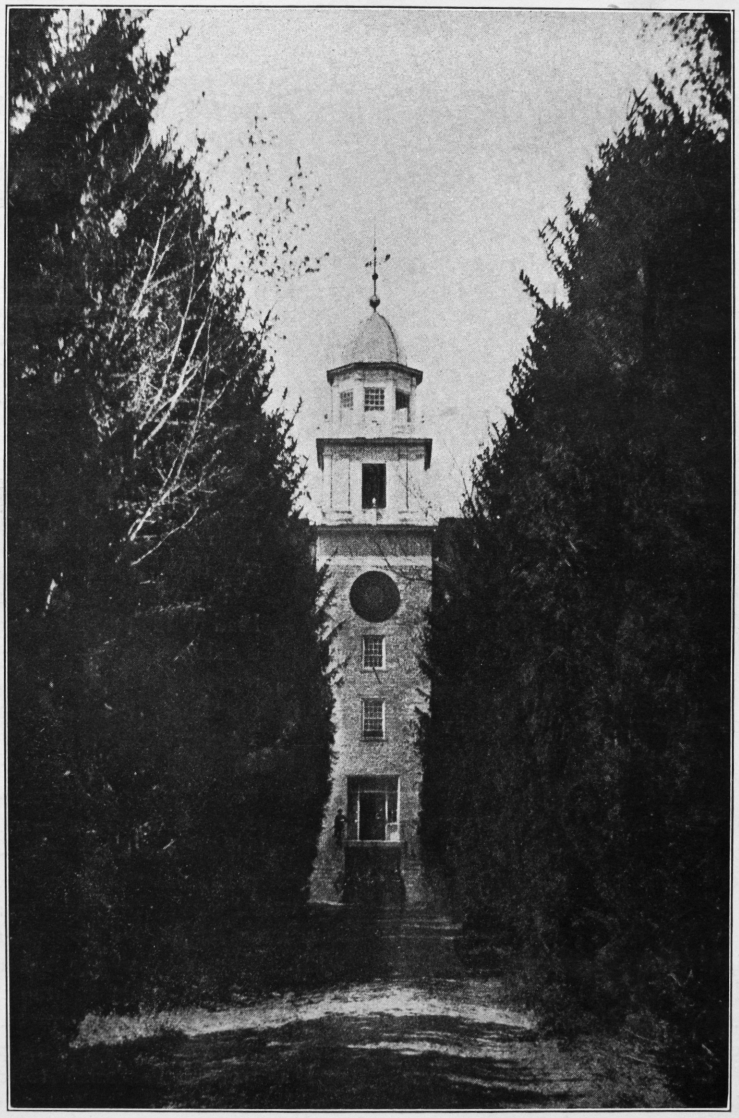
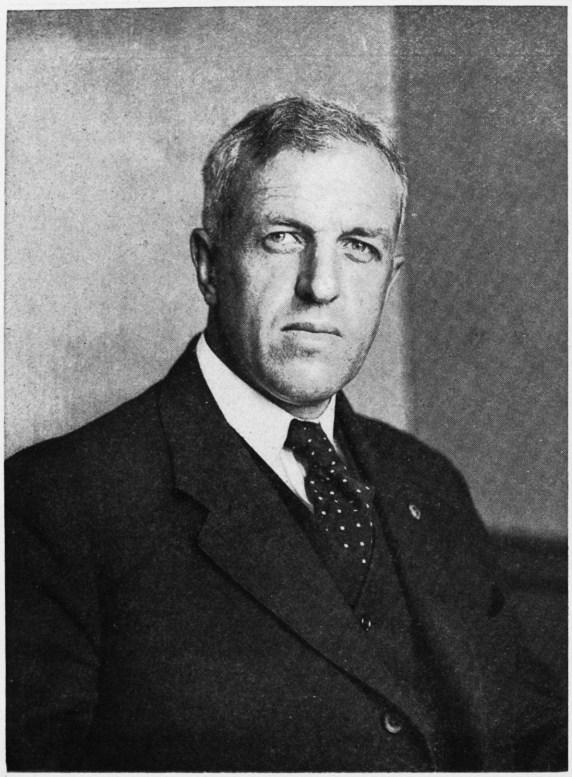


"Waldo Avenue"—A Campus Vista of Forty Years Ago

Problems on a College President's Desk



PRESIDENT PAUL DWIGHT MOODY

THERE is not room in the NEWS LETTER for all the problems—or even for a full discussion of any one. But it never does any harm to share some of our perplexities with those whose training inclines them to be sympathetic.

For nearly eight years I have been developing an increasing distaste for what is known as the elective system. To it is due in my judgement a great many of the complaints levelled at the colleges. It is said repeatedly that college students are lacking in the discipline that comes from doing what they do not want to do. The natural reaction from the Puritan position that a thing is valuable in direct ratio to its distastefulness is partly responsible. You remember that Macauley said the Puritans objected to bear-baiting not on the ground of cruelty to the bear but on the ground of the pleasure it afforded the spectators. The inevitable swing from this position was to let the student do what he wanted and dodge what he did not want. The adherents of this policy of "give the student what he wants" are not lacking in arguments, many of which are convincing and plausible. But this is not the whole story.

Another complication, I almost said evil! of the elective system is its expense. It has added to the cost of education quite out of proportion to the gains. Let us do a little simple figuring. Take for example a freshman class consisting of 100 men. Let them pay what is more or less average tuition fee of $300. Then we have $30,000 which may be looked upon as tuition income. Let five thousand be set aside for tuition equipment and expense and another five for overhead or the cost of doing business. That is a high figure—ten percent would be nearer the mark in actual experience in economically administered institutions. Then we have $20,000 which may be expended on the salaries of the instructors of these 100 freshmen. Let them have five required subjects—and the work can be handled by five instructors—who may have to section their classes. Four sections to a subject would give us twelve hours a week for each instructor for most classes meet three times a week. We could then pay each instructor $4000 a year, not a bad salary and more could be added in proportion to the endowment.

But if we do away with the prescribed work and allow the Freshmen to choose between double the number of subjects—we must double the number of instructors. But our income is not increased. Consequently the average salary must be $2000 and not $4000 plus income from

endowment. If we treble it then $20,000 must be divided between fifteen. And the worst of it will be that it will not be an even distribution of work for some of the fifteen subjects will be largely if not unanimously elected by the Freshmen and others will be correspondingly neglected. But it will be necessary to have the fifteen instructors none the less.

To those who object to what they will call an artificial and arbitrary example—it can be said that the principle holds just the same. No college today would deem it advisable no matter how desirable to require a Freshman year of such a Procrustean sort. The analogy to a menu holds. The simple menu works for an elimination of waste and allows better preparation of what food goes to the table. The Table d'hote menu is never as popular as the a la carte. But it is more economical. And it is possible to give a great deal more for the money. Ask any hotel or club steward.

I have spoken of Freshman year. Multiply this by four and it is not hard to visualize the waste. An analysis of the curriculum of the average college will show many courses or classes unjustifiable from the standpoint of expense. To take one fifth of the teaching time and strength of a high salaried man to handle a course of five or six students (or less) is not economically defensible. He probably likes it. Small classes are easier to handle than large—and entail less correction of papers—less time on examination papers and more time for the individual. But there is a limit below which a small class is absolutely economically indefensible. An even distribution of students over the courses is an ideal considerably beyond the hope of the most sanguine. Yet it is an ideal and while like most ideals it cannot be reached it can be aimed at, more frequently than is now the case.

A strictly required Freshman year however is each year more impossible. For alas the elective system (again I nearly called it the elective evil) has spread down to the secondary school. And there it is more damaging even than in college which is saying a lot. For whereas a generation ago there was a certain degree of homogeneity about any given freshman class, this is no longer true. While the entrance regulations hold a certain fixed requirement in most colleges, there is an elective margin and that elective margin is wild indeed, containing all too frequently subjects which by the maturity indicated to grasp them properly, belong in the upper years of college. It is not alone the fact that the subject has been spoiled by premature exploration, the field as it were partially burned over, so that it is difficult to begin at the beginning again. This is serious enough. But even more serious is the fact that while the sub Freshman was fooling with, let us say, economics, or psychology or "problems of democracy" (whatever that subject means) he has been neglecting mathematics as the basis of language, English or otherwise. There is very sound psychology in the prayer of general confession for we will always find that when we have done the things we ought not to have done we have invariably left undone the things we ought to have done "and there is no health in us". This is the most glaring of the evils of the elective system. It has complicated the whole educational problem, added to the expense and got us nowhere. Some of us think, tho the wish may be parent to the thought, that this is slowly, too slowly, being recognized.

For the whole elective system rests upon one vital defect. The truth is ignored that it does not so much matter What a student studies as the Way or the How he studies. Instantly some one will say that this is an argument that works both ways, and that if this is the case why not let him choose. All well and good if education is a quantitative and mechanical thing. I am attempting to show that it isn't at all but that it is an organic and qualitative thing. If the freshman is capable of doing what the senior does why bother about the intervening years? Let him take senior year at once and graduate. This in effect is the denial of the value of education. It is equivalent to saying that education does not educate, does not develope. Schooling according to this is merely a time process—and the student goes to school and college if he can afford the time and expense, to occupy himself until he is old enough to do something else. It is like the reputed ship building in Maine where ships were turned out by the mile and sawed off at the required length.

But there are certain subjects which rest upon others and certain foundations have to be laid. To study some things before the requisites have

been mastered is like starting to rear an edifice before the foundation is completed. It may be possible to go back and put the foundation in as the building nears completion but every one knows this is clumsy, expensive and time consuming. If you doubt it try enlarging a cellar under a house already framed or roofed. The student unfamiliar with the grammar of his own language is fearfully handicapped in studying another language with any degree of thoroughness. I am not referring to trick correspondence courses which enable us to astonish our friends by ordering Virginia ham in amazing French. A considerable number of the failures in colleges are due to faulty preparation. Jerry-built foundations have been put in which will not carry weight adequately. An, at least faint, comprehension of what Arithmetic is all about underlies any successful study of Algebra or Geometry or any of the other sciences which lean upon these, like chemistry and physics, practically every science except biology.

The virtues and defects of our national characteristics lie open to the glance better probably in our educational system than anywhere else. Our defects as a people, our characteristic weaknesses are more readily discerned in the average educational institution than in an individual. Probably this is true in other peoples as well. The conservation and essential Toryism of the English certainly show in their system and in French education the infinite patience and attention to detail we have seen in their handiwork is equally evident, and German education is thorough and narrow to the point of notoriety. It is not a fable but a fact that a learned German savant excused his belief that trans Atlantic navigation ceased in winter because of a frozen ocean on the ground that that was not in his department or field of learning.

Americans have been accused of superficiality, a tendency to confused appearance with reality, impatience due to excess of energy, a tendency to exaggerate, leading to a confusion of values so that mere bigness is often confused with greatness, an unshakable belief in the omnipotence of gold. The story is told of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, that when as a result of his bad management he was deprived of the famous golden shields made by his more opulent father he made brazen shields to take their place. We have quite a penchant for brazen shields as a people and dislike to think that time is really the factor that in our more sober moments we know it to be. The old story of the gardner at Chatsworth saying the production of such a lawn required seed and soil and care and five hundred years never fails to impress or depress or amuse an American. Unconsciously we feel that given money enough we do not need that time. Time is good for ivy and tradition, both hardly utilitarian.

Now all these characteristics show with unusual distinctness in the field of education. We have confused bigness with greatness and busyness with value to society, in our schools and colleges. We are impatient by race and it nowhere shows as in school. We are prone to confuse substance and shadow and accept labels without opening the package. It is not alone in the field of Art we purchase spurious Rembrandts and antiquities made in Birmingham.

In education more than anywhere else—the forward view must be checked and corrected by the backward glance. Then we find that much that passes for new is not new at all but has been tried and scrapped. And we also see more clearly why much that is old is still valuable. The enormous growth of physical resources may make a university but not a college. The disciplines of the college course must underly the researches of the university and the specialist must be made to build his super-structure on a sound foundation. Pasteur did his great work in a laboratory which a high school biologist would condemn today. In the early church it was said that the Bishops were golden and the croziers were wooden. There came a day when the croziers were golden and gem encrusted. But alas, it was found that then the Bishops were wooden. Simplicity must be preserved in the college for the future of society—even if abandoned elsewhere and its preservation there is important in proportion to its disappearance elsewhere.

PAUL D. MOODY.

CHECK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

June 15, June 16, June 17. Spend the Commencement Week-end in Middlebury.

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By CHARLES BAKER WRIGHT

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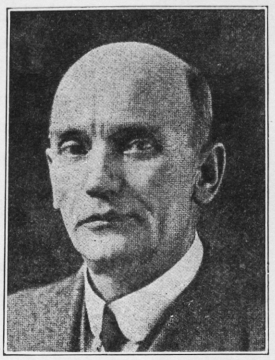

THE suggestion I am about to make may seem a very simple one after the ponderous prelude in the last NEWS LETTER, and yet the counsel, if acted on, may carry us far toward a goal well worth the effort. I spoke, it will be remembered, of our tendency to grow careless in the expressing of our thought, and of the power and beauty of finished form; and the point I wish to make is this, that in the letters we write, in our exercise of what has been so happily called "the gentlest art," we have at our disposal if only we will avail ourselves of it, a means of indefinitely increasing skill. With the writing of each new letter a new problem is presented. The situation that suggests it is unique,—it has never appeared in that form before,—and somewhere in the realm of the ideal is the one letter that will perfectly meet the needs of that situation. To approximate, with an ever-developing ease and certainty, to those ideal letters is our task as correspondents. "Rhetoric," says Genung, "is the art of adapting discourse, in accordance with the subject and the occasion, to the needs of the hearer or reader," and there is no better field for the practice of the art than that of letter-writing.

A while ago, as we were setting out on a westward journey, a friend down in Memphis gave me a delightful little volume, "The Long Gallery," by a Tennessee poet, Mrs. Anne Goodwin Winslow. One of the poems, "Letters," suggests itself in this connection. It concerns itself with the correspondence of certain French writers in

> the day
> Of correspondence infinite—

the day of Madame de Maintenon and the *Roi Soleil*. In speaking of the letters of the Marquise de Sevigne, she describes them as

> Letters that were the very cream
> of chronicles *intimes*,
> The honey-dew of history:—
> No one had ever quite so much to say,
> And yet an ordered brilliance lay
> In all she said.
> The scheme
> Of correspondence had to be
> Woven as finely as a tapestry,
> With that nice balance between heart and head
> That makes for truth, or if truth is not there,
> Makes graceful garments that it well might wear.
> No phrase repeated and no word's excess,
> The even tenor of exquisiteness.

What a characterization of letter-writing at its best! "Ordered brilliance"; "woven as finely as a tapestry"; "the nice balance between heart and head that makes for truth"; "no phrase repeated and no word's excess"; the even tenor of exquisiteness"—what wouldn't one give could half of this be said of his own letters?

It may very well be that many of us, in the rush of every-day affairs, have not the time to put upon all of our letters the care needed to make them finished, though seemingly spontaneous, products—"their artifice unremembered in their art". Something written me, though, by a teacher-friend has an applicable suggestion: "Academic leisure seems to be a myth. My one literary exercise consists in polishing till it has a hand-rubbed glow a single sentence for every class-room lecture,—a sentence as thoughtful and original as I am capable of." A single sentence, yet who can doubt that it quickens the whole lecture with its "hand-rubbed glow"? And in similar fashion I feel sure that if now and again we set ourselves to the writing of as perfect a letter as is in our power, the joy of it will leaven in time the whole of our correspondence, till each of our letters will come to be an adventure in artistry. At least it is worth the trying.

FAY ALTON SIMMONS

TO say that Middlebury lost a loyal alumnus and trustee in the death of Mr. Fay A. Simmons of the class of 1902 would be to pay a very feeble tribute. Mr. Simmons was a graduate whose loyalty and willing service to his college could rarely be matched in the alumni body of Middlebury or that of any other college. That he loved his college no one could doubt who heard him lead the singing of college songs at a Middlebury dinner.

Always enthusiastic about Middlebury and a thorough believer in the work being done for young people at the college, he influenced many a promising student to enter; and those who want winning teams may well take a leaf from his book, as a little investigation which was made last year, showed that the hockey team, which was practically undefeated, was made up almost exclusively of boys who had been influenced to enter Middlebury because Mr. Simmons had recommended the college to them or their parents.

His keen business sense and sound judgment, coupled with his close contact with affairs at the college, made him an invaluable member of the Board of Trustees. Middlebury has lost a man whose place no one can fill.

Mr. Simmons left Boston on February 16 as a member of one of the winter parties of the Appalachian Mountain Club and was to spend a week in Lincoln, New Hampshire. On the seventeenth the party climbed Mount Lafayette and Mr. Simmons apparently enjoyed the trip and showed no indication of fatigue until he was suddenly stricken as he was ascending the stairs of the hotel to go to his room.

Mr. Simmons was born in Dorset, Vermont, on November 6, 1878. He prepared for college in Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester, Vermont, and entered Middlebury in 1898. He was Principal and Superintendent of schools of Pittsford, Vermont, 1902-1904. In 1904 he became associated with the investment banking house of Harris Forbes and Co., of Boston, and became a member of the firm and treasurer in 1916 and a director in 1921. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Middlebury in 1922.

Mr. Simmons married Miss Nellie M. Hadley of the class of 1901 on September 7, 1904. He is survived by his wife, and son Carleton of the class of '28, who is now a student at Harvard Law School and by his daughter Barbara, a student at Dana Hall School.

WORCESTER COUNTY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Worcester County Alumnae Association of Middlebury took place at the home of the president, Miss Doris Ashworth of Leicester on December 8th. A nominating committee consisting of Pauline A. Smith, '06, Grace M. Ellis, '12, and Marguerite Rogers, '18, presented the following slate of officers who were duly elected:

President_____Mary E. Guerin, '14
Vice President_____Pauline Cross, '27
Secretary_____Marion Janes, '24
Treasurer_____Helen Warren, '23

Advisory Committee:

Doris Ashworth, '22
Barbara Smith, '13
Mary Guerin, '14
Ethel Putnam, '19
Maude Tucker Severance, '04

From the sale of Christmas cards another payment was made on the $1000 pledge toward the Endowment Fund. Only the sum of $80 now remains to be paid.

The Alumnae Association entertained the County Undergraduate students at a tea on December 27th at the home of Marion Janes. Forty-four members (alumnae and undergraduates) were present. Mrs. Luella Whitney Dunn, '98, of Gardner, Mass., and Mrs. Maude Tucker Severance, '04, poured.

Judge Noonan's Dry Law Plan in High Favor

AMONG the 23,230 plans for making the Eighteenth Amendment effective that were submitted in competition for the Durant $25,000 prize was one from Justice Thomas H. Noonan, '91, of Buffalo, N.Y. The $25,000 prize was won by Maj. Chester P. Mills, former prohibition administrator of New York City, but Justice Noonan's plan was among those given final consideration by the judges.

Middlebury alumni will be interested in the plan submitted by Judge Noonan which is quoted as follows:

In the competition for the prize of $25,000 offered by C. W. Durant, for the best and most practical plan to make the Eighteenth Amendment effective, I submit the following:

By this amendment "the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes, is hereby prohibited." The second section provides that "the Congress and the several states shall have con-current power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

To make this amendment effective, Congress passed the National Prohibition Act (Volstead Law) and both the amendment and the enforcement act became effective January 16, 1920. The first section of the amendment is operative throughout the entire territorial limits of the United States, binds all legislative bodies, courts, public officers, and individuals within those limits, and of its own force invalidates every legislative act—whether by Congress, by a state legislature, or by a territorial assembly—which authorizes or sanctions what the section prohibits. (National Prohibition Cases, 254 U. S. 350). By this amendment Congress acquired the same police powers to stamp out the manufacture, sale and transportation of liquor in both interstate and intrastate commerce that the states had before the amendment. (U. S. v. Cohen, 268 Fed. 420, 425). In other words, by the amendment, Congress acquired a police power to enforce prohibition by all reasonable laws and regulations which only the states had before the amendment. (Schnitzler vs. Yellowley, 290 Fed. 855.) Where this amendment conflicts with an older provision of the Constitution the older must yield. So that the Eighteenth Amendment, in part, supersedes the Fifth Amendment. (Cornell v. Moore, 267 Fed. 456.)

TWO ESSENTIALS.

Primarily, two things are necessary for the proper enforcement of any law. First, the law must be so clearly drawn that it can be effectively applied to suppress the crime; and second, it must be enforced by honest and capable officials.

By the clear language of the second section of the eighteenh amendment, Congress and the individual state have the same power to make the eighteenth amendment effective, and it is just as much the duty of the one as the other to enact the necessary legislation to make the amendment effective.

Without doubt the most effective means of law enforcement lies within the state itself, because it is already organized to enforce all laws. There exists in every county in every state the machinery for such enforcement, and in most localities there are already sufficient police officers to properly secure the necessary evidence for successful prosecution. Furthermore, the law can be enforced in the county where the crime is committed without compelling witnesses and the prosecuting officials to travel great distances, and it enables the public opinion of the county to impress itself upon the enforcement officials, and the state law can prevent double jeopardy by providing that there shall be no state prosecution after a prosecution under the national prohibition act.

QUICK PROSECUTION.

To get satisfactory results in the enforcement of any law there must be quick prosecution and sure punishment. The dissatisfaction that has arisen in some parts of the country over the apparent failure of the national prohibition act to produce results, is due, not to any defects in the statute, which was carefully drawn and is adequate for its purpose, but to the glaring lack of proper machinery for its enforcement.

First—There are not enough federal enforcement officers to gather the evidence and attend to the prosecution of the offenders arrested.

Second—There are nowhere nearly enough judicial officers to dispose of the business that even the present number of federal agents are able to bring in.

Third—The United States district attorneys do not have the proper number of assistants to adequately enforce the law, and the salary provided for these assistants is not such as to attract young men of the right caliber.

MODERN METHODS.

Fourth—Antiquated methods of procedure are still relied upon. Methods of criminal procedure that were adequate for the days of the ox cart and blazed the trail are being relied upon in the age of the automobile and flying machine. Outgrown rules of evidence, that are no longer followed in the states are in effect in the United States courts, and enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys are forced to travel long distances from the place of the crime to reach a tribunal that can properly dispose of their cases. Other defects could be mentioned, but these are the most important ones.

The remedy is obvious. First—Provide a sufficient number of enforcement officers to properly cover the territory, especially in states that have large cities, and in those states that have no enforcement act of their own.

Second—Provide a sufficient number of tribunals for the trial of cases so they can be speedily tried and disposed of. This can be done by providing enough judges to hold courts, not only in the larger centers of population, but in the rural counties; and the United States commissioners might be empowered to try and dispose of all first offenders at the option

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The Weather Man Sets the Stage

ALUMNI HOME-COMING A SUCCESS.

THE first Washington's Birthday Week-end Home-Coming for alumni proved to be a distinct success. The weather man provided perfect winter weather and the basketball and hockey teams staged excellent performances for the entertainment of returning alumni.

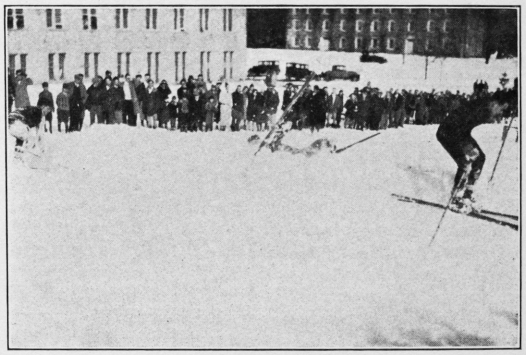
With a fresh fall of snow, conditions were ideal for winter sports and the Inter-Fraternity Winter Sports Carnival proved a decided success. Much amusement was occasioned by the snow-shoe and ski obstacle races in which the contestants started on the hill south of Hepburn Hall and were required to cross the road, at the foot of the hill, jump over a huge pile of snow and a row of hurdles, go under a rope and through a barrel.

President and Mrs. Moody were at home to returning alumni after 4:30 on Friday afternoon.

Snow-shoe Obstacle Race

Many took advantage of the opportunity to attend chapel and classes on Saturday. Nearly all of the fraternities held their initiation banquets during the week-end. Among the out-of-town alumni who returned for the week-end were the following:

Carl A. Mead, '91.
Edgar R. Brown, '93.
Miss Cora B. Rogers, '95.
Mrs. Lena M. R. Denio, '96.
John Cadwell, '97.
Mrs. Anna Bosworth, ex-'99
Mrs. Cecile Allen, '01.
J. Earle Parker, '01.
P. Wilds, '02.
O. K. Collins, '02.
G. W. Roberts, '02.
Mrs. Maude S. Gooding, '03.
Sanford H. Lane, '05.
Miss Dorothy Newton, '23.
D. Haydn Parry, '24.
Miss Margaret Brown, '24.
Miss Marion Janes, '24.
Miss Ruth Quigley, '24.
Mrs. Lily Jane Axton Pitts, ex-'24.
Miss Dorothy Reed, '25.
Miss Ruth Taylor, '25.
Miss Dorothy Tillapaugh, '25.
Mrs. Eleanor F. Peck, '26.
John W. Morris, '26.
Everett S. Kinloch, ex-'26.



Rough Going for Skis

Mrs. Florence G. Gates, '05.
Mrs. Minnie B. Cadwell, ex-'07.
William H. Carter, '10.
George E. Shaw, '10.
Miss Barbara Smith, '13.
Mrs. Mary Hunt, '15.
Mrs. Marjory Upson, '15.
Russell E. Smith, ex-'15.
Harriet Grandy, ex-'15.
Miss Helen Bosworth, '16
Miss Helen Carrigan, '16.
Mrs. Marjorie Selden, '16.
Arthur M. Ottman, '17.
Mrs. Helen Benedict, '18.
Miss Marion Elmer, '18.
Charles L. Montgomery, '18.
Miss Louise Reynolds, '18.
Miss Edith Tallmadge, '21.
Arnold B. Swift, '22.
Miss Grace E. Monty, ex-'22.
Miss Matilda Axton, '23.
Mrs. Frances C. Nelson, '23.
Miss Pauline Cross, '27.
Francis A. Ives, '27.
Miss Marion Morgan, '27.
Miss Margaret Sedgwick, '27.
Miss Marjorie E. Cross, '28.
Walter O. Gollnick, '28.
Miss Laura Kennedy, '28.
Miss Mildred Davis, '28.
Ralph A. Hill, '28.
Albert D. Leahy, '28.
Miss Gertrude Parsons, '28.
Milan H. Palmer, '28.
Miss Florence Porter, '28.
Miss Helen Northrup, '28.
Clarence P. Young, '28.
Miss Mildred Senecal, '28.
William T. Hall, Jr., ex-'28.
Paul Young, ex-'29.
Miss Irma Day, ex-'30.
W. Seymour B. Tate, ex-'30.
Miss Charlotte Elton, ex-'31.
Miss Jane Dickerman, ex-'32.

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APRIL, 1929

WHY THE FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE?

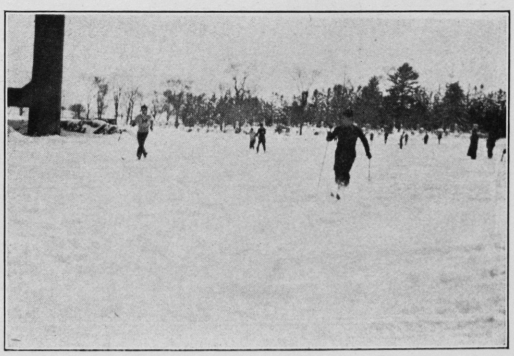
WILL the American college, as we know it, disappear? The question may seem academic, but the observer of changing conditions in the college field is looking at the contemporary educational scene with some concern. First, as the *Harvard Alumni Bulletin* suggests, the professional school is demanding more and more of the time of the college student; second, the secondary school through the junior college movement is invading the domain of the four-year college. Is the end of the movement to be a shortened college term related closely to secondary school work, and then beyond that the graduate or professional school? At Johns Hopkins, the plan is already functioning; students may enter without the A. B. degree.

Actually, there is much to be said for shortening the four-year course. For instance, there is a steadily growing opposition to many courses in college that seem to be mere inheritances from the past when life was more leisurely and objectives were different. See what has happened to the traditional subjects of Greek and Latin. Should other courses tag along with them? Mind you, we hold no brief against Greek and Latin; the years of our study of them gave us, if nothing more, "Some love of right, some hate of wrong, some breathing of a deathless mind." But they have gone, and other courses are going after them. When the question is asked, What courses should be dropped? we promptly dodge the question. Let somebody else think out the answer.

Dean McConn of Lehigh has his answer that is too good to come true. He advises the creation of colleges to meet all criticism, fore and aft: a college on a country club basis for the socially inclined, a college for those with a major interest in athletics, a college for those of scholarly interests. His scheme should take care of everybody; but, alas, even then objections would arise: an advanced course in etiquette might create dissension among the initiated from Newport.

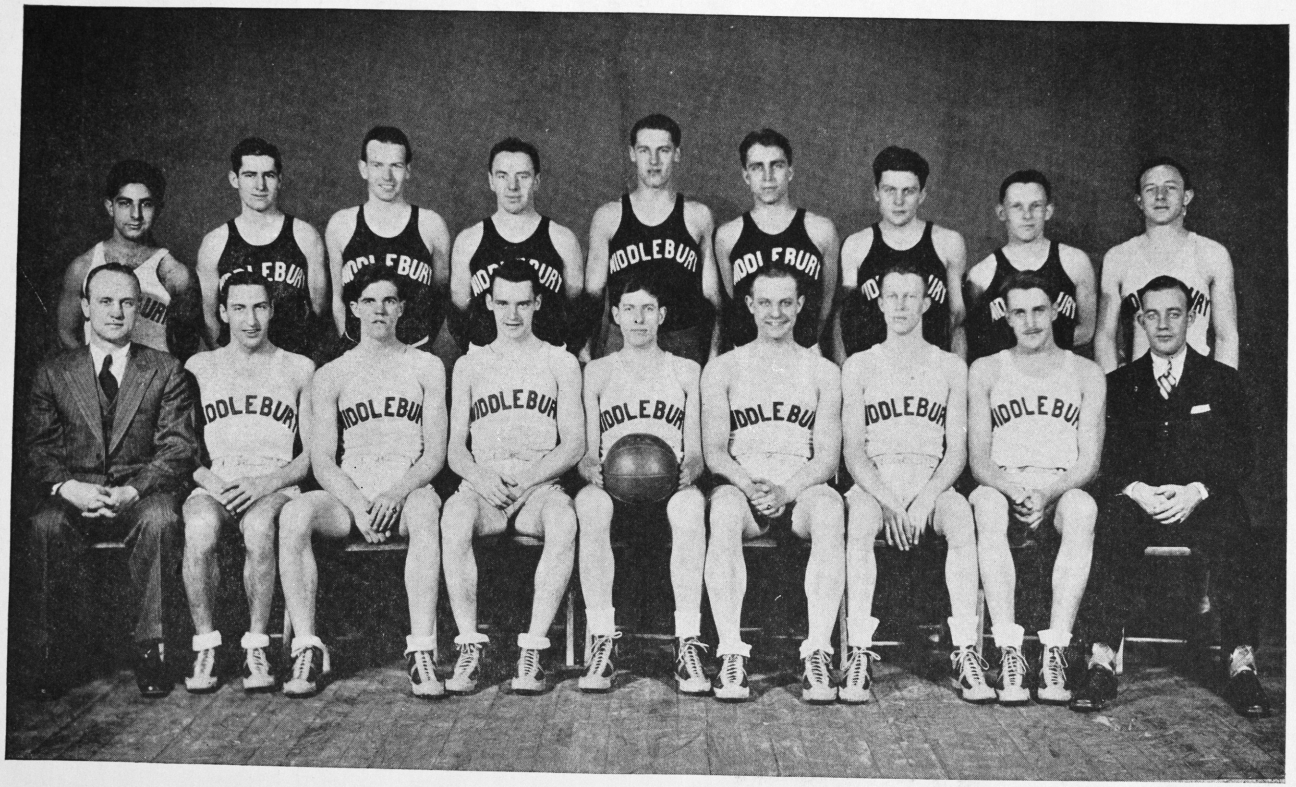
We agree, however, firmly with the *Bulletin* editorial writer, that "the breadth of understanding that comes of college study could not be attained in a well-organized program beginning with the junior high school and leading through the junior college." Such a program could not be made collegiate. Students completing such a program would still know little of "economics, philosophy, psychology, sociology, anthropology, the high phases of mathematics, or the more interpretive aspects of history, literature, or the fine arts."

Yet change is in the air. Four years of leisurely study, thinking, and musing in an atmosphere where the temporal things are justly evaluated and the eternal things given a chance —where can a student find a college that offers such years? Kindly do not mention any university in the land. We spent recently a year of madness at one. Perhaps Middlebury is such a college; perhaps, it is going to be; perhaps it will continue to be; perhaps—well, that's it, the theme of this editorial, perhaps.



Hunt Winning Ski Race

STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



Standing: Bullukian, Miller, McDonald, Willis, Paul, Boisseau, Franzoni, Williams, Hoffman.
Sitting: Coach Beck, Valois, Johnson, Casey, Spooner, Humeston, Sorensen, Maynard, Manager Howe.

Athletics

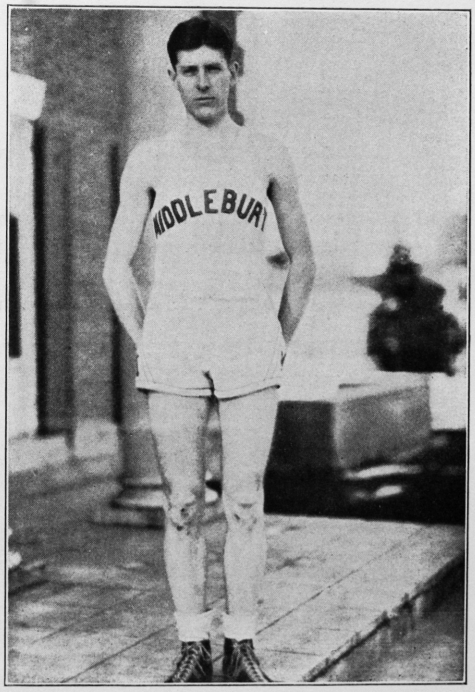
BASKET BALL SEASON, 1928-29

By V. S. Goodreds

A RETROSPECT of the basketball season reveals that Middlebury had one of the most successful years in basket ball in some time. To be specific, she emerged with 13 victories against 3 defeats, in which she met some of the strongest basket ball aggregations in the East. The results are more interesting when it is noted that 11 of the games were played on foreign courts. All followers of the Blue and White basket ball teams over the last ten years will readily rejoice that this season's success carries with it the most coveted prize, in that Middlebury has regained the Vermont State Basket Ball Championship, after waiting the aforementioned period. Certain elements of last year's play were indicative of the success attained this year, in that the personnel of this year's team were the same five men who played good ball last year. Coach Ben H. Beck, the new basket ball mentor this year, inherited a fast, aggressive, offensive team. Their strength was due to a fast offensive game last year, with no special scientific emphasis stressed on the defense. Coach Beck's system finds its strength in the defense zone type of play, which he inaugurated with this team and which proved to be a bulwark to fast offensive organizations. Several of the teams encountered this year used this style of play, but in most cases were not familiar with it. The Springfield-Middlebury game, perhaps the best game for spectators interested in a scientific game, presented two teams playing this style of defensive ball, both teams being well versed in the defense zone system. Unfortunately, Springfield had the edge on the Panther Five.

Coach Beck's system had its results in a smooth-working, well-coordinated outfit, with very little evidence of individual play. Good pass work, which meant team play coupled with accurate and timely shooting were responsible for the scores. Ralph Johnson, Middlebury's Right Forward, is up with the leading cage shooters of the East. Sorensen, his running mate, would have been equally high if he had not been prevented from playing in most of the games due to middle-season illness. Humeston, Center, was a dangerous man for opponents because of his unusual overhead style of shooting, which was responsible for timely baskets. Spooner, Captain and Right Guard, was the most consistent performer and proved to be a more accurate tally maker toward the end of the season. Casey, the other Guard, kept the opponents' forwards' shooting at a minimum, and was able in numerous games to come down the court and drop in an occasional basket.

Coach Beck's reserve material consisted mainly of Bullukian, Valois, Maynard and Ashdown, who managed to get into an occasional game and gave indication of being good material for next year's team.



Captain Spooner

Perhaps results are the most graphic indication of the team's work, which are as follows:

Middlebury 41	R. P. I.	22
Middlebury 22	Army	30
Middlebury 39	Haverford	24
Middlebury 33	Upsala	32
Middlebury 29	Lowell Textile	23
Middlebury 31	Harvard	41
Middlebury 34	Brown	18
Middlebury 39	St. Michael's	17
Middlebury 38	Norwich	23
Middlebury 19	Vermont	15
Middlebury 22	Springfield	33
Middlebury 33	Norwich	30
Middlebury 28	Dartmouth	23
Middlebury 42	Albany Law	25
Middlebury 48	Vermont	31
Middlebury 36	St. Michael's	35

There is some doubt as to whether the teams of Harvard and Army, which beat Middlebury, are of better calibre. The Army game was played under rather adverse conditions, and if dope counts for anything with the reader, Middlebury should have the edge on Harvard. Peruse this:

Harvard won over Middlebury.
Holy Cross won over Harvard.
Vermont, a mediocre team, beat Holy Cross.
Middlebury beat Vt. twice by decided scores.
Dartmouth won over Harvard by a large score.
Middlebury won over Dartmouth.

Sport writers concede little to dope in considering the relative strength of teams, but the above might be of interest.

Springfield stands out as the strongest opponent Middlebury met this year, if the writer is any judge, after witnessing a considerable number of the games. Coach Messner, of Williams, an outstanding basket ball authority and official of the East, who has refereed many of the important Eastern basket ball games, pretty well appraises the strength of the Middlebury team when he said that it was the strongest and best coached small college team he had seen in some time.

The Hockey Squad

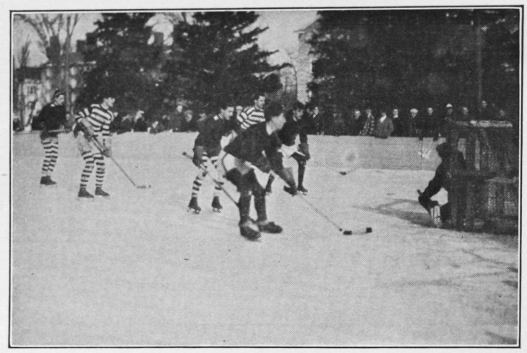
Coach, B. H. BECK
Captain, FORREST J. SPOONER
Manager, D. FRANCIS HOWE
Assistant Manager, B. GLENN MACNARY

THE HOCKEY SEASON, 1928-29

By B. H. Beck

THE hockey team this year followed in the well worn path of its three predecessors by winning every game in the state series and retaining the state championship. The prospects at the beginning of the season were not rosy because of the void left by the departure of Simmons, Whittemore, Bossert, Bates and Melbye. Coach Roy Clogston who turned out such a fine piece of work with the line in football was placed in charge. The idea of giving the hockey team a coach proved to be a happy one.

Mr. Clogston with the fine assistance of Captain Stillman F. Kelley 2nd, and Manager, Russell D. Brown worked under a considerable handicap during the first part of the season due to sickness among the members of the small squad. The Brown game was lost mainly because of this condition but Norwich and U. V. M. were turned back. Huntington was taken to the hospital after the Brown game and at the date of writing is about to be discharged after a long siege. At the end of the semester a fine group of freshmen were available and these men more than made up for any additions to the other two state squads. The Clarkson game was a matter of too much Canada, there being several boys from our neighboring country on the Clarkson team. The game with Princeton was a credit to Middlebury hockey because our opponents had a team that ranked high in Eastern collegiate hockey this season. Williams was



Kelley Shooting a Fast One—St. Stephen's Game

defeated on their own rink and the game with Vermont at Middlebury was a romp with a large number of Middlebury men taking part.

An important contribution is being made to Panther hockey by Mr. Walter Weston the superintendent of real estate. We have a better rink than any other out door rink played upon by our team this year. The ice is always in the best condition possible considering the weather. The credit for this situation should go to Mr. Weston.

Captain Kelley was the star of the outfit and gave all of his opponents plenty of trouble. He was responsible for most of the scoring and was a beautiful stick handler and skater. His loss will be keenly felt next year. Douglas, the goalie, filled his position very creditably indeed and much of the success of the team was due to his splendid work. Foote, a sophomore, and Nelson, a freshman, were rated by the Clarkson coach as the best defensive pair he had seen this season. Crocker played a very steady game and was always in there giving his best. In Makela, another freshman, we have a man who never played organized hockey until he entered college but who came along fast with a brilliancy that promises another star of the first magnitude. Chappell and McLeod helped the team greatly by their work as spares. Melbye, a freshman, was used as a spare and his work indicates fine possibilities for the future. Kelley and Douglas are the only two men of outstanding merit lost by graduation and with the fine group developed this year the indications are for a better team in 1930.

The results of the hockey games were as follows:

Middlebury 3, Brown 7, at Providence.
Middlebury 3, Norwich 0, at Middlebury.
Middlebury 1, U. V. M. 0, at Burlington.
Middlebury 5, Norwich 0, at Northfield.
Middlebury 1, Clarkson 13, at Potsdam.
Middlebury 2, St. Lawrence 0, at Canton.
Middlebury 2, St. Stephen's 0, at Middlebury.
Middlebury 3, Princeton 7, at Princeton.
Middlebury 3, Williams 2, at Williamstown.
Middlebury 5, U. V. M. 0, at Middlebury.

Coach, R. B. CLOGSTON
Captain, STILLMAN F. KELLEY 2ND
Manager, RUSSELL D. BROWN
Assistant Manager, E. R. ALLEN

TENNIS SCHEDULE 1929

April 25, Holy Cross College at Worcester.
April 26, Boston University at Boston.
April 27, Clark University at Worcester.
May 9, Vermont at Middlebury.
May 13, Vermont at Burlington.
May 16, New York State Teachers at Albany.
May 17, Union College at Schenectady.
May 18, Rensselaer Poly. Institute at Troy.
May 22, St. Michael's College at Winooski
May 24, Worcester Poly. Inst. at Middlebury.
May 27, N. Y. State Teachers at Middlebury.
May 29, St. Michael's College at Middlebury.

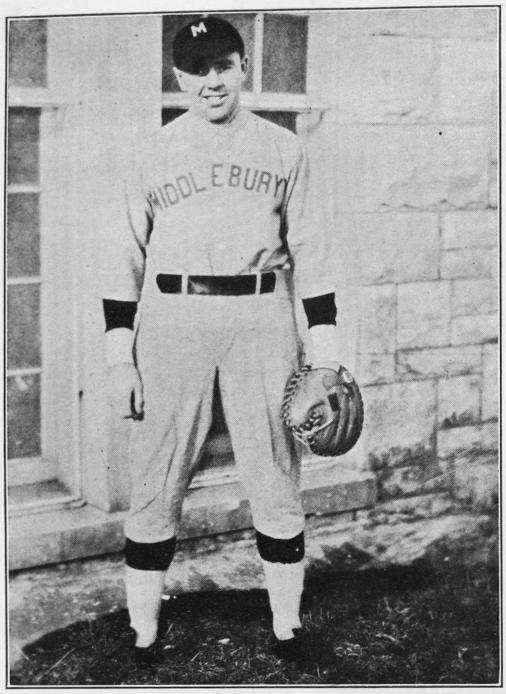
Games Pending:

May 10, Norwich University at Middlebury.
May 21, Norwich University at Northfield.

Coach, PROF. C. A. ADAMS
Assistant Coach, PROF. E. B. CORNWALL
Manager, R. E. WOODBURY

COACH CLOGSTON GOES TO SAINT LAWRENCE

Mr. Roy B. Clogston who came to Middlebury last fall as line coach and who coached the successful hockey team, will go to St. Lawrence University at the end of the year as Director of Athletics. Coach Clogston has made a host of friends in his short stay at Middlebury and will be greatly missed.



"Bo" Willis—Captain of Base Ball

BASEBALL SCHEDULE, 1929

Fri. May 3, Saint Michael's at Middlebury.
Sat. May 4, Upsala at Middlebury.
Thur. May 9, Vermont at Middlebury.
Sat. May 11, Norwich at Middlebury.
Tues. May 14, Williams at Williamstown.
Wed. May 15, Brown at Providence.
Thur. May 16, Rhode Island State at Kingston.
Fri. May 17, Providence College at Providence.
Sat. May 18, Northeastern at Boston.
Wed. May 22, Saint Michael's at Winooski.
Fri. May 24, M. A. C. at Middlebury.
Mon. May 27, Vermont at Burlington.
Thur. May 30, Norwich at Northfield.
Fri. May 31, Tufts at Middlebury.
Sat. June 1, Clark at Middlebury.
Sat. June 15, St. Lawrence at Middlebury.

Coach, HARVEY W. HESSLER
Captain, ALBERT E. WILLIS
Manager, THAD R. JACKSON
Assistant Manager, RICHARD P. MILLER

TRACK SCHEDULE 1929

May 4, R. P. I. at Troy.
May 10, St. Lawrence at Middlebury.
May 18, Williams at Williamstown.
May 25, Green Mountain Conference at Burlington.

Coach, B. H. BECK
Captain, G. M. SMITH, '29
Manager, E. N. LAWRENCE '29
Assistant Manager, C. B. HONSBERGER '30

NOTES FOR THE ALBANY DISTRICT.

A few Middlebury alumni and alumnae played bridge together Friday, March 8th. Arthur M. Ottman, '17, with John S. Dinkel, '27, Ralph Hill, '28, John L. Davis, '27, Gunhild A. Elfstrom, '27, and Afton Hilliard, '28, drove over from Schenectady to the home of Edith H. Tallmadge, '21, in Albany where they met Grace E. Monty, ex-'22, Emily L. Sisson, '24, Carroll S. White, ex-'22 and Mrs. Carroll S. White, Lillian Park, U. V. M., and Mabel A. Tallmadge, New York State College.

Middlebury alumni and alumnae in the Capitol District are invited to a dinner-meeting at the Ainslee-Hewitt Tea Room at 44 North Pearl Street, Albany, Friday evening, April 26, at 7:30. The cost of the dinner will be $1.25. The meeting following will be for the purpose of organizing a Capitol District Association of Middlebury alumni and alumnae.

It is hoped that those who are within possible commuting distance from Albany will consider themselves in the Capitol District and will write to Edith H. Tallmadge, 7 Forest Avenue, Albany, N. Y., for reservations.

The following towns are on the trial list:

Albany
Amsterdam
Argyle
Altamont
Ballston
Berlin
Bethlehem
Cambridge
Catskill
Central Bridge
Chatham
Cobleskill
Cohoes
Corinth
Coxsackie
Delmar
Fleischmans
Fonda
Fort Edward
Fort Plain
Glens Falls
Gloversville
Granville
Greenwich
Hoosick Falls
Hudson
Johnstown
Lake George
Lawyersville
Mechanicville
Mt. McGregor
Petersburg
Peru
Round Lake
Salem
Saratoga Springs
Schenevus
Schenectady
Schuylerville
Scotia
Schaghticoke
Slingerlands
Troy
Warrensburg
Whitehall
Valatie
Voorheesville

No. Bennington, Vt.
Gt. Barrington, Mass.
Williamstown, Mass.
Pittsfield, Mass.
Dalton, Mass.
No. Adams, Mass.
Lee, Mass.
Richmond, Mass.

JUNIOR WEEK

For a real gala occasion, the alumnus may well plan a visit to the College for Junior Week, which comes this year on May 9, 10, and 11. The program includes base ball games, dances, and other interesting features among which is a new and mysterious outing called the "Junior Jamboree".

A Charter Day Address

In Mead Memorial Chapel, November 1, 1928

OUR college charter bears the date of Nov. 1, 1800, and this, therefore, is our 128th academic birthday. As we pause for a few moments to observe it, one is led to reflect on the philosophy of anniversaries. What is it that they are for? Why should we gather once each year to remember the founders of Middlebury, and to rehearse again their crowning work of which we are all beneficiaries? The question is easy of answer. It is man's supreme prerogative to be, as Shakespeare calls him, a creature looking before and after. His habitual look should be forward, for progress is the measure of his success, and that, I suppose, is why his eyes are set in the front of his head; but he needs at times the backward look to chart a safe and sailable course on the future's untried sea—and anniversaries are the days of the backward look.

That famous injunction of Edward Everett Hale, "Look forward, not back", is not altogether sound; Gladstone was nearer the facts of the case when, speaking of people what is equally true of individuals and of institutions, he declared that it is fatal for a nation to forget its past. We have only to consider to see that this is so. What a wealth of guidance the past contains for those who wisely seek it—what warning and caution; what stimulus and inspiration; what records of struggle against odds, of devotion to ideals, of heroism and self-sacrifice! We are face to face with all of these when we celebrate Charter Day, and the duty of the hour is plain: let us think again on the life and work of the founders, and highly resolve, in Lincoln's phrase, that in our response to its appeal the effort they made in our behalf shall not have been made in vain. Only so shall we justify this anniversary.

Such, then, I think, is the purpose of occasions such as this, and we of Middlebury have a worthy past to look back on—worthy and by no means brief. The United States is 139 years old; through over nine-tenths of our national existence, Middlebury College has been sending streams of influence throughout our Commonwealth itself and far beyond its borders—a contribution we cannot compute, but whose value we cannot question. One hundred and twenty-eight years is no brief time in this New World of ours, and honorable age is an asset when account is being taken of academic stock. There is much of the highest importance, indeed, that only age can furnish. When Leland Stanford was planning a University, he made with Mrs. Stanford a tour of inspection among similar institutions in the East. At Harvard they were shown about by President Eliot himself, and it is told that when they had made the rounds the Senator asked the President, in his straightforward, business fashion, how much money he thought would be needed to duplicate the plant. The President replied that he had never considered the matter, but he hazarded the judgment that it might be done for fifteen million dollars; whereupon the Senator, turning to Mrs. Stanford, said quietly, "What do you say, my dear, to making it twenty millions?"—his thought apparently being, if I am accurate in my use of an unfamiliar terminology, that he would see Harvard and go her five millions better. One thing, however, the good man failed to consider: the splendid service to mankind that Harvard had been rendering for 250 years. That was the real Harvard—a Harvard not to be duplicated, in any off-hand fashion, with twenty times twenty millions. There is power in backgrounds, and only two centuries and a half can create a background of 250 years.

Yes, honorable age is an asset when a college is up for judgment, and the span of our 128 years has a bead-roll all its own. And first upon that bead-roll let us ever place our founders. They were the pioneers of this community —large-hearted, forward-looking, beneficent. We are all of us their debtors as we gather here to-day, and the greater this institution grows the greater ever must be its boast that it had such men for creators.

Our corporate life has been richer, too, for the faculty personnel. When colleges are a-building, a good faculty is rather to be chosen

than great riches. Not all great men are great teachers, but I am more and more persuaded that to be really great as a teacher one must needs be great as a man; himself is his students' best text-book, and the lessons they absorb therefrom will be shaping character and enriching life when the lessons of the printed page have long since been forgotten. When I studied chemistry as an undergraduate, the text-book used was Roscoe's, and when the year's work was ended I felt fairly familiar with its contents—so familiar, indeed, that one evening, when a group of us were gathered in some student's room, I made the reckless wager that I could write, on demand, any formula in Roscoe, organic or inorganic. And I won the bet; if I hadn't, I should not, of course, be telling you the story. And the point of it all is this. Those formulas, then so familiar, have long ago taken wings; they are gone, like Hans Breitmann's party, "avay in der Ewigkeit." I remember, of course, that water has the formula H^2O, and it may be that two or three others still lurk within memory's reach, but I doubt whether I could recover ten if my life depended on it. And doubtless for me, in after years, with my limited storage capacity, their room was better than their company. But there is a profit side to the account. Through all the years that I have taught, in a field remote from test-tubes and reagents, there has risen undimmed before me a memory of the man who taught the course: his unfailing patience, his exquisite courtesy, the mingled gentleness and power that gave grace to all his teaching. It has been, I know, an unattained ideal, but I trust that it has bettered the work I have tried to do.

I mention, third, our graduates as a source of our corporate wealth. Here and there, the country over, in public and private relations, they have leavened, and are leavening, the life of their time. Such records exalt a college; the honors that her children win must be laid at the mother's feet.

And now, having taken the backward look, let us set our faces forward. I have spoken thus far to both faculty and students; I would speak now more directly to the undergraduate group. For me that is always a pleasant task. I have lived a very happy life among undergraduates, and have always been their debtor for friendships that have not faltered and for countless kindnesses. I know, I think, their virtues and their defects, and all the serious purpose so often lying hidden beneath a seemingly careless exterior. The counsel I give you, therefore, is the sympathetic counsel of a friend. I would not have you stampeded by any insidious tendencies of the time; I would have your thinking straight and clear as to what this institution is for, and your own relations to it as undergraduates. What is it here for, anyway, and what is the gauge of its success?

There are those who will say in answer—and you cannot fail to hear them, for they are invariably the most vociferous—that the true measure of its success is the turning out of teams that win in intercollegiate struggles, and that those only, of the rank and file, possess true college spirit who shout themselves hoarse on the side-lines and wager their fathers' hard-earned cash on a favorable issue of the games. Now that, I submit, is all nonsense, if I may be permitted to speak in a seemingly dogmatic way. A college can have but one function, if its policy is consistent with its purpose: to furnish to those who seek its halls the mental training that accrues from the mastery of a wisely chosen curriculum pursued for a term of years under the guidance of expert teachers; if your prime purpose in being here is not to have that function fulfilled in you, you had better be somewhere else.

But do not attribute to me any more than I have said. I am no opponent of college athletics, our own or any other. I object to athletics only when you make it a word of four syllables. Athletics has a legitimate place in a well-rounded college career. I do not doubt that, in spite of some over-doing, the marked improvement in college morals, and the passing away of the stupid pranks of old-time student days, have come about in large measure from a quickened interest in athletics, and the safety-valve it has furnished for the release of pent-up energies. The struggle of life is increasingly strenuous. In increasing measure, therefore, the sane mind needs the sane body, and the average student's body to-day is saner, I feel very sure, than it was fifty years ago. So I wish the best with all my heart for the teams that represent you; may they win their full share of the

honors, and that, too, always with playing lists whose legitimacy can bear the closest inspection.

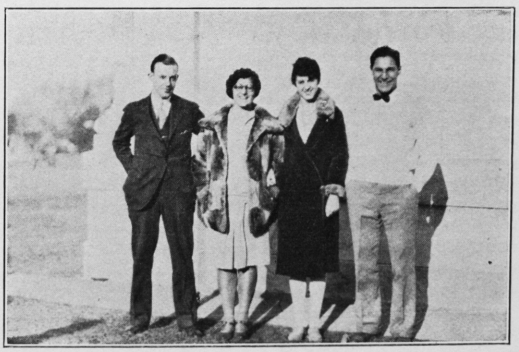
Nor need excellence in athletics be a drag on scholarship, as not a few, here and elsewhere, have happily demonstrated. There graduated from Middlebury in 1923 a Connecticut Swede named Kalin; some of you know him. He worked his way through college, sang in our choir and glee clubs, and took prizes in oratory; he was president of the Council, and proved himself from the very first a tower of strength in football. Small room, you might think, for attention to the minor matter of studies; and yet the college records show that in his four years he had thirty-two A's to his credit, and that of the other thirteen courses taken all but one were passed with a grade of B. How Kalin ranked in importance his bewildering activities I never happened to ask, but I know, as I look at those thirty-two A's, that he must have put studies first. And that is the working basis I am pleading for to-day: the basis of studies first. Take as active an interest as you will in all these athletic adjuncts, but do so when you have satisfied the prior claims of study. If, through either extent or strenuousness, athletic schedules interfere with a man's-size course of study, there is something wrong with the schedules; on any other basis our name would be a misnomer—this would be, not a college, but the Middlebury Athletic Club. One's studies first—a simple rule, but one which, should you adopt it, would do more than anything else I know for our academic status.

Social activities, also, have a place in college affairs, but surely no one will contend that great educational endowments are established, and that millions of dollars are annually expended, to furnish young people with pleasures supplied already in perhaps too abundant measure in the daily life of our communities. So far as these adjuncts, athletic or social, contribute healthfully toward the one great end of a college's existence, no reasonable exception can be taken to them; they are a means to that end, however, and never an end in themselves —never a business, always a recreation.

If, then, what I have been saying is true,—and I believe in its truth profoundly,—the duty imposed upon each of you becomes at once apparent. By virtue of your enrollment here, you have joined yourself to a living organism; have become a link in the lengthening chain of the college generations, a part of all that Middlebury has been and of all that it is to be. The heritage I have considered is your heritage—others have labored and you have entered into their labors. To pass it onward down the years, richer for your personal contribution—what worthier resolution could you frame for Charter Day? The aim of this institution, of all academic foundations, must be to stand before the world the exemplar, in scholarship and in life, of high ideals increasingly striven toward; only thus may we win and hold the confidence that we covet. In that tremendous, unceasing task each one will help or hinder; which he shall do is a question for himself and no other to answer—an intensely personal matter. You remember the doting mother who boasted that her son had played on his college football team. When asked in what position, she said that she wasn't certain, but she thought he was a drawback. You may not all be athletic, but you all play, whether you will or no, on that greatest of our college teams, the institution itself. Have a care—and this is my parting word—have a care that as you play the game you are not that mother's son. *Charles B. Wright.*

MIDDLEBURY IN "COLLEGE HUMOR" HALL OF FAME

Under the auspices of the "*College Humor*" magazine an election was held recently to select



Howe, Marchiano, Hodges, Guarnaccia

Middlebury's representatives for their "Hall of Fame". The student body elected D. Francis Howe, '29, Rose V. Marchiano, '29, Catherine E. Hodges, '29, and Samuel Guarnaccia, '30. It is expected that the selection of outstanding students in the colleges of the country will be an annual event.

CONNECTICUT ALUMNI TO DINE IN HARTFORD

The Alumni of Connecticut are making plans for their annual dinner which will be held this year on May 18, at the Woman's Club in Hartford. President Moody will be one of the speakers and other speakers will be announced later. Mr. Chester M. Walch, '07, 44 Pleasant St., Hartford, is Chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Judge Noonan's Dry Law Plan in High Favor

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of the United States district attorney. One or more could be appointed in every county and thus be within easy reach of the enforcement officers.

Third—A sufficient number of assistants should be given each United States district attorney to enable him to prosecute effectively the cases arising in his district and the salary of such assistant should be such as to attract able and ambitious young lawyers.

COMPETENT EVIDENCE.

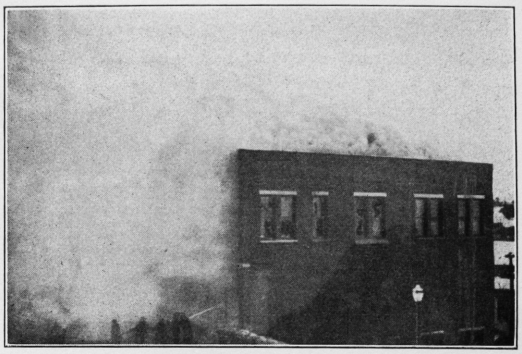
Fourth—use all competent evidence, no matter how obtained. This is the longstanding rule in New York (Peo. v. Chiagles, 207 N. Y. 193, 198) and also in most of other states, and was once the doctrine in the United States courts (Adams v. New York, 192 U. S. 585). As far as possible, make all acts of the defendant prima facie evidence of guilt.

Make the enforcement procedure as simple as possible. Grant no bail to second offenders when the previous offense is undisposed of through no fault of the prosecuting attorney. Interpret the Constitution so as to aid in the prosecution of all offenders. It was never intended as a shield behind which evil doers could find protection; in brief, simplify and strengthen procedure for enforcement.

In judging the efficiency of the efforts to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment, we should bear in mind that there are very many violations of all criminal statutes that remain undetected and unpunished. So perfection cannot be had in the prosecution of prohibition cases.

Remember also, that those who violate certain United States statutes, such as the Dyer Act relating to stolen automobiles, the Cormack Act relating to stealing from interstate freight trains, and the Harrison Act to control the sale of narcotics, can also be prosecuted under state laws and are thus subject to double jeopardy.

To sum it all up: The Eighteenth Amendment can be made as effective as any other law, when all the states and Congress provide suitable laws and procedure and honest and competent officials to enforce the same.



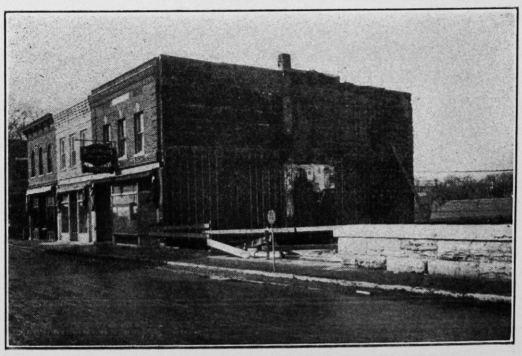
Rogers Block Going Fast

FIRE!

On January 4th the business section of Middlebury received a serious blow through the disastrous fire which practically destroyed the Rogers block and for a time seriously threatened several other business blocks. The "Jack" Frost Pharmacy, the Pease furniture store and several smaller enterprises were burned out.

Smoke and water did considerable damage to the stock of the Wm. Farrell, Jr. clothing store. The fire sales which resulted furnished considerable entertainment for the students, many of whom were drafted as impromptu salesmen. Some rather unusual bargains made it possible for the youths "from the simple homes of New England" to stock up quite inexpensively.

It was found necessary after the fire to take down the walls of the Rogers block but it is understood that Mr. Rogers plans to rebuild.



After the Fire

Alumni Dine in Many Centers

NEW YORK

ON January 25th the New York City Association held its annual dinner at the Commodore Hotel with nearly one hundred men in attendance. Mr. Edwin W. Willcox, '04, presided, and introduced as speakers, President Moody, who had just returned from his European trip; Coach Ben. H. Beck; Mr. Homer Skeels, '98, and Hon. Ezra Brainerd, Jr., Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and son of Middlebury's former President, the late Dr. Ezra Brainerd.

President Moody told something of the Middlebury people seen on his recent trip and of his plans for the future development of the College.

Coach Beck explained to the alumni some of the problems to be met in maintaining athletics successfully in a small college, remote from the larger centers, but expressed the opinion that prospects for the future were not too bad, and the basketball and hockey teams have already borne out his statements remarkably well.

Mr. Skeels urged the alumni to take a more active part in recruiting promising preparatory school men, particularly those who excelled in athletics in addition to scholarship.

Mr. Brainerd told very entertainingly of his boyhood in Middlebury and contacts with the faculty and students mentioning, among other things, his early "eye for business' and how he used to take the family horse and wagon and carry the numerous beaux of his sisters back over to college at the rate of five cents each.

Gerald Cabot, '22, was elected Secretary of the Association and Donald D. Frederickson, '25, Chairman of the banquet committee with Henry Happ, '25, and George Hinman, '28, as the other members of the committee.

Among those who attended were the following:

Dr. P. D. Moody.
Coach B. H. Beck.
Hon. Ezra Brainerd, Jr.
Dr. J. L. Barton, '81.
F. C. Partridge, ex-'81.
S. J. Preston, '82.
J. A. Fletcher, '87.
Judge T. H. Noonan, '91.
C. A. Mead, '91.
J. F. McNaboe, '92.
H. L. Skeels, '98.
J. A. Peck, '98.
E. C. Bingham, '99.
Dr. G. W. White, '01.
B. L. Stafford, '01.
F. A. Simmons, '02.
F. A. Hughes, '02.
W. J. Stone, '02.
P. Wilds, '02.
G. W. Roberts, '02.
L. E. Sunderland, '04.
E. W. Willcox, '04.
E. T. Duffield, '04.
L. Hovey, ex-'04.
S. H. Lane, '05.
P. Roberts, '05.
W. E. Bristol, '07.
J. Richmond, '08.
G. E. Shaw, '10.
W. B. McGuirk, '13.
E. J. Wiley, '13.
W. D. Carpenter, '14.
G. R. Ayres, '16.
D. Salisbury, '16.
E. Dickinson, '16.
C. H. Warner, '16.
D. Breen, '20.
E. Ross, '20.
D. H. Moreau, '20.
R. Noonan, '21.
G. A. Swan, '21.
W. E. Heath, '21.
L. T. Wade, '22.
H. C. Leach, '22.
G. C. Cabot, '22.
J. L. Donnelly, ex-'23.
C. E. Voss, '24.
R. Savage, '24.
H. W. Coates, '24.
C. A. Oakley, '24.
H. Happ, '25.
K. Anderson, '25.
W. B. Gorham, '25.
A. C. Leiby, '25.
D. D. Frederickson, '25.
W. A. Potter, '26.
W. F. Fales, '26.
H. V. Brooks, '27.
F. R. Clement, '27.
D. McProud, '27.
P. Wolfskehl, '27.
M. F. Naylor, '27.
J. Howe, '28.
G. Harris, '28.

THE FEBRUARY CIRCUIT

A series of dinners was arranged for February 14th to 18th through the Middle West and Washington, D. C., and President Moody and Mr. Wiley, Secretary of the Associated Alumni, spoke at all of the gatherings. While, as is to be expected, illness, bad roads and conflicting engagements prevented some from attending, there was a good turn-out of Middlebury people at all of the dinners and several came long distances to meet with their Middlebury friends.

BUFFALO

The arrangements for the Buffalo dinner were most efficiently made by "Goph" Law, '21, and Judge Noonan of the class of 1891 presided in his usual genial manner making the affair very informal. Mrs. Dorothy Slayton Hunter, '23, played for the singing of college songs. The following attended the banquet:

Judge T. H. Noonan, '91.
J. F. Taylor, '05, Mrs. Taylor and son Frederick Taylor.
Miss Inez C. Cook, '09.
J. Cadwell, '10.
R. V. Ricker, '17.
"Goph" Law, '21.
Arnold Swift, '22.
S. A. Carroll, '23.
Mrs. Carroll.
Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Hunter (Dorothy Slayton, '23).
"Jack" White, '24.
W. Ranson Rice, '26.
Miss Proudfoot
Mrs. R. L. Rice.
Prof. and Mrs. Raymond McFarland.

CLEVELAND

Don Belden, '19, who had engineered the arrangements for the Cleveland gathering was unfortunately taken ill on the day of the dinner and was unable to attend but "Bob" Valentine, '21, was selected to "pinch hit" for him and made the dinner a success. Prof. Wright's talk on the record of outstanding graduates of the college was a feature of the evening.

The following attended the dinner:

Prof. and Mrs. Charles Baker Wright.
Mrs. Grace James Brown, '01.
C. H. Wright, '16 and Mrs. Wright.
"Bill" Slade, '17.
Donald T. France, ex-'17.
Guy Christian, '20.
"Ted" Carpenter, '20.
"Al" Grant, '20.
"Bob" Valentine, '21.
"Dick" Whitmore, '21.
"Carlo" Crathern, '22.
Elizabeth Ferguson, ex-'27.

CHICAGO

"BOB" Hunt, '10, was right on the job as usual and put over a most lively dinner at the Hotel LaSalle on February 16. He was master of ceremonies as well as committee of arrangements and certainly kept things moving.

Hardly anyone who was present escaped without making a speech and this plan brought forth some very interesting stories of other days at Middlebury. Mr. Hollister, '93, and Mr. Sherman, '90, told of the early days of intercollegiate baseball when on one trip they played twenty-seven innings in about twenty-seven hours, Mr. Hollister pitching all three games and not recovering from the effect for several weeks. The fact should not be overlooked that Union College was defeated in one of the games and Manager Sherman, '90, wired in the score of that game to the Associated Press, making no mention, of course, of the fact that Union had beaten Middlebury in the morning of that day.

"Sam" Pettengill, '08, told in a most impressive way what Middlebury had meant to him.

"Bobbie" Hunt suggested that it might be well to have Harold Severy, '09, who had come down from Milwaukee to the dinner and played for the singing, tell how he succeeded in interesting boys to make the long trip from Milwaukee to Middlebury to enter college and the group present were much interested to hear how the Milwaukee contingent became interested in the College.

"Bob" Hunt, '10, was re-elected President of the Association and Mrs. W. E. B. Barnes, '10, Secretary. The following were present:

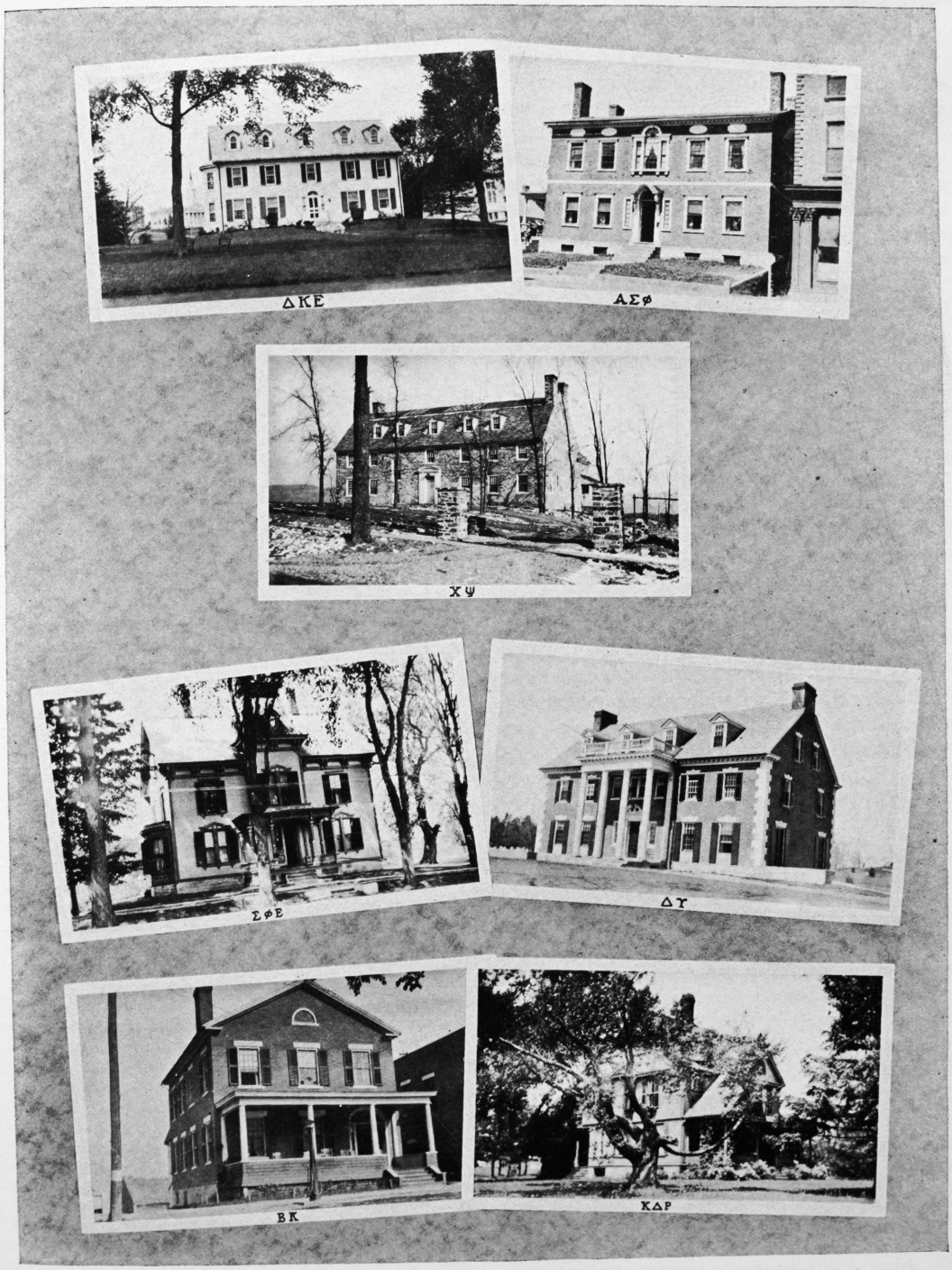
Mrs. Gwen Morris Barnes, '10.
W. L. Barnum, '07.
J. W. Hollister, ex-'93.
R. F. Hunt, '10, and Mrs. Hunt.
G. M. Groves, (Special student 1886-88).
Mrs. G. M. Groves.
U. H. Parker, '18.
(Polly Broomell, ex-'25).
S. B. Pettengill, '08, and Mrs. Pettengill.
H. A. Severy, '09.
B. W. Sherman, '90, and Mrs. Sherman.
J. B. Todd, '20.
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Parmelee

WASHINGTON

WITH Dr. George R. Wales, '87, Civil Service Commissioner, presiding and several other high government officials attending the dinner, it was a distinguished gathering that dined at the University Club on February 18th and it seems likely that few colleges, the size of Middlebury, could boast such a group in the nation's capital. Mr. and Mrs. Miller (Martha Meibert, '10) who made the arrangements, had left no Washington stone unturned in "getting out the vote". The laugh was on Dr. Wales when, after insisting that each one in attendance should rise and give his or her name and college class or school attended, even if only a district school, Mrs. May B. Taylor, '96, introduced herself as a graduate of the Bristol Graded School, George R. Wales, Principal. The following attended:

Hon. Ezra Brainerd and Mrs. Brainerd.
Hon. W. W. Husband.
Miss Matilda F. Axton, '23 and Mrs. Axton.
F. J. Bailey, '01.
Hon. E. S. Brigham, '03.
Miss Alice Casey, '11.
J. T. Clark, '87.
G. M. Darrow, '10 and Mrs. Darrow.
C. T. Day, '15.
Rev. J. R. Duffield, '02.
R. L. DeGroff, '25.
Dr. C. F. Langworthy, '87.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, (Martha Meibert, '10).
Dr. E. M. Parker, '81.
G. R. Riggs, '96.
Dr. J. C. Scofield, '80.
Miss Scofield.
Dr. A. W. Shea, ex-'17 and Mrs. Shea.
Annah B. Sheldon, '13 and Sister.
Dr. D. M. Shewbrooks, '09.
Mrs. D. M. Shewbrooks.
Mrs. May B. Taylor, '96.
Dr. G. R. Wales, '87.
Mrs. G. R. Wales.
P. A. Wright, '09.

David Judson Newland, valedictorian of the class of 1865, died February 1st, 1929. Mr. Newland was born in Lawrenceville, N. Y., July 8, 1841. He was principal of the High School in Rutland, Vermont, in 1865-66 and a student at Columbia Law School from 1866-68. He practiced law in New York City from 1868-1916. Mr. Newland was a member of the D. K. E. fraternity and of the Phi Beta Kappa society.



Middlebury Fraternity Houses

COMMENCEMENT

Are the commencement dates on your calendar? The ever increasing number of alumni who return for Commencement makes it almost certain that the returning alumnus will find at least a few of his friends, even if his class may not be holding a quinquennial reunion. Several reunion classes are engaged in working up enthusiasm for the gathering of their class and more will be heard from them soon.

Detailed programs and reservation blanks will be sent out to the alumni and alumnae in plenty of time before Commencement but for the benefit of any who may wish to make their plans roughly at this time, we mention some of the events of the various days:

Saturday, June 15: Class Day Exercises; Alumni and Alumnae Luncheon and Association meetings; Base Ball—St. Lawrence vs. Middlebury; Class reunion Dinners; Joint Concert on the Campus by College Band and Glee Club; Senior Play; Informal Dance.

Sunday, June 16: Baccalaureate Service; Bread Loaf Luncheon; Twilight Musicale; Step Singing; Fraternity Reunions.

Monday, June 17: Commencement Exercises, with address by Professor James Y. Simpson, well known author, of the University of Edinburgh; Commencement Luncheon; President's Reception; Senior Ball.

BREAD LOAF

A very attractive booklet entitled "Bread Loaf" has just been issued as a college bulletin and is being mailed to alumni and alumnae. It is beautifully illustrated and contains a very interesting article on "The Bread Loaf Idea" by Wilfred Davison, '13, Dean of the Bread Loaf School of English, and an historical sketch "How The English School Came to Bread Loaf" by Dr. Edward D. Collins, Former Director of the Summer Session.

ATTENTION ALUMNAE

Will the alumna who in February sent in two one dollar bills, evidently in payment of Association dues and NEWS LETTER subscription, but with no accompanying signature, kindly notify the Alumnae Office, that she may receive credit?

Alma Mater Contest

MISS ANNA BELISLE, '28, has been awarded the Alma Mater cup offered by the Campus to the author of the poem most suited to become a Middlebury Alma Mater.

Fifteen contributions were received and the committee has had these poems under consideration since the close of the contest, March 1. Because of the many necessary characteristics of an Alma Mater song it was difficult to find any one poem which was entirely suitable. However the committee which consisted of Professor Emeritus Charles Baker Wright, Professor Harry G. Owen and Miss Prudence Fish, finally chose the poem submitted by Miss Belisle as most suitable to the exacting requirements of an Alma Mater.

The winning song and two others which were thought worthy of publication are printed in this issue of the NEWS LETTER.

The complete report of the committee follows:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAMPUS:

The results of the Alma Mater contest are decidedly encouraging. While it has not seemed to the committee as a whole that any of the poems submitted are of a genuine Alma Mater calibre in their present state, yet the general standard of the work is of pronounced merit, and demonstrates a decided advance over last year's contest.

In making their decision, the committee has been guided by several considerations. First, the Alma Mater poem had to be distinctive; that is, it had to possess characteristics which indistinguishably identified it as belonging to Middlebury. Many excellent poems were handed in which might have won the award had they fulfilled this requirement. Second, the poem had to be singable. Here again was a stumbling block. Many of the contributions were of considerable literary merit, but any adequate musical setting would have been difficult. Certain of the poems were too complex in phrase and sentiment for choral work. Some were of unsuitable length; for the best musical effect the poem should be of an even number of lines. Others were written in a meter which would have been well nigh impossible to set atristically. Still other verses were of such delicate substance that a choral setting would have destroyed their literary texture.

So the committee, taking all things into consideration has decided that, of all the contributions, the one most suited to the purpose at hand is the poem of "Tertia" who proves to be Miss Anna Belisle. As a poem, this contribution has marked defects, and, for sheer literary merit, other contributions surpass it. But "Tertia" seems to have succeeded in attaining more successfully than any other contestant the proper balance of qualities which the committee deems necessary to a good Alma Mater.

The Alma Mater Contest Committee.

WINNING CONTRIBUTION IN ALMA MATER CONTEST

Farther Shining than the beacon
Of thy white-flamed chapel light,
Farther famed than purpled splendors
Of horizon hills at night
Is thy name, O Middlebury;
Proud as valley's stately sweep
Is the homage of thy children,
New inspired thy faith to keep.

Sturdier than everlasting
From thy rock-ribbed mountain sides,
Simpler than the sylvan beauty
Where the twisted Otter glides
Is the friendship thou art giving;
And thy counselled strength instills
Growth in fame, O Middlebury,
Consummation of the hills.

—ANNA BELISLE, '28.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF MERIT

From our hearts, Oh Alma Mater,
Homage true we pay to Thee!
On Thy hills above the Otter
May Thy tow'rs forever be
Symbols of the things we cherish,
Character and loyalty!
May Thy Spirit never perish,
Never marred nor weakened be!
Middlebury, Alma Mater,
Ever may we honor Thee!

—"A. G."

Thy name is lit with past romance
Whose living light remains to shine
Like golden sunset fires that glance
On leafy Painter's scarlet vine.
The generations fade away
And leave their seeds upon thy sod;
Tradition's garden blooms today
Where many a vanished foot has trod.

Thy beauty lies in every scene;
The restful sweep of rolling hills,
The sun-lit stretch of dewy green,
The wandering banks that Otter fills,
The patriarchs of College Row,
The arch of touching campus trees,
The lighted chapel portico,
The cherished verse upon its frieze.

Before thee lie the virgin years
With all the splendor they shall bring,
And like the heart of youth appears
The promise in their beckoning.
We feel the faith thy past inspires;
The future's vision greets our eyes;
From Chipman Hill we see the spires
Of greater Middlebury rise.

—"HENRY HOLT."

MIDDLEBURY ALUMNI NOMINATE OFFICERS

Nominations for offices in the Associated Alumni of Middlebury College were announced today by E. J. Wiley, National Secretary, and balloting will be carried on through the mail in the near future.

The three retiring District Presidents of Region 2 automatically become candidates for the National Presidency. They are as follows:

New Haven District:

Wilmot T. Fiske, '09, Bridgeport, Conn., Vice Principal, Bridgeport High School.

Albany District:

Elmer G. Bridgham, '97, Pittsfield, Mass., Principal of the Pomeroy School.

New York City District:

Gilbert W. Roberts, '02, New York City, Lawyer.

The following candidates have been nominated for the office of District President:

New Haven District:

Duane L. Robinson, '03, Watertown, Conn., Teacher, The Taft School.

Henry C. Tong, '01, New Haven Conn., Cashier, Lomas & Nettleton Co.

Albany District:

William H. Hammersley, '04, Albany N. Y., Pastor, St. Luke's M. E. Church.

Ralph E. Sincerbox, '20, Schenectady, N. Y., Manager, Office Service Dept., G. E. Co.

New York City District:

Warren E. Bristol, '07, Flushing, N. Y., Field Director, Y. M. C. A.

Allen H. Nelson, '01, White Plains, N. Y., Vice President & Director, MacMilan Pub. Co.

For the office of Alumni Trustee the nominating committee has nominated Judge Thomas H. Noonan, '91, Buffalo, N. Y., Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, whose term expires this year, to succeed himself for a term of three years, and the committee decided to make no other nomination for this office.

NEW YORK BREADLOAFERS DINE

Fifty-eight Breadloafers from New York and vicinity met Saturday evening, March 16th at the Panhellenic Hotel in New York City to renew associations. A program consisting of impromptu speeches, with Dean Wilfred Davison, Middlebury '13, as toastmaster, and the reading of greetings from outstanding Breadloafers who could not be present was carried out between the courses of the dinner. Among the speakers were President Paul D. Moody and Miss Margaret Widdemer. Following the dinner, the group adjourned for a theatre party at Eva LeGallienne's Civic Repertory Theatre. Plans were started looking toward the formation of a Bread Loal alumni association.

Among those on the committee who originated and carried out the reunion were Howard C. Seymour, '27; William T. Hade, '26; Thomas O. Carlson, '25.

"Dave" Morey, former head coach of football and baseball at Middlebury has been appointed head coach of football, baseball and hockey at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. After leaving Middlebury, Mr. Morey joined the coaching staff at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and during the past year has been at New York University doing graduate work in the Department of Physical Education and giving a course in athletic coaching. He coaches base ball at Boston University this spring and will take up his duties at Bates at the beginning of early football practice next fall.

Miss Eleanor Manley, '27, died suddenly on February 21, shortly after leaving her class room at the New York State College for Teachers at Albany, N. Y., where she was a teacher in the English Department. Miss Manley made an excellent record as a student at Middlebury and won the Dutton Fellowship which made possible for her a year of study at the University of London. After studying at Columbia University during the first semester of this year Miss Manley took up her duties in Albany and had hardly begun her work when her promising career was cut short. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa.

Richard H. Buffum '18 died on January 30, 1929 at the sanatarium at White Haven, Pennsylvania, after a brave but lengthy fight against tuberculosis, which disease he contracted during his war service in France. After his marriage in 1927, Mr. Buffum had spent a year in California in the hope of regaining his health. Conditions not being Ideal there, he returned with Mrs. Buffum to the East, and after a summer in the Berkshires, went in September to Pennsylvania. An attack of pleurisy about the middle of January suddenly upset what seemed to be steady progress toward health, and the end came ten days later. Dick will long be remembered for the loyal devotion he gave to any cause which he served. The Campus owes him a great deal as its Editor-in-Chief. He was for a time one of the 1918 class officers. He was a member of Delta Upsilon and of Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. Those who knew him either at college or in the summer school, where he specialized in French from 1920-23, will not soon forget his kind helpfulness, keen mind and charming sense of humor. After graduation, he entered upon a successful teaching career, which ended at the Providence Country Day School. A year of graduate study at the French House of Middlebury College gave him his M. A. He was one of the most successful teachers of French who have graduated from Middlebury. He was much interested in Ecole Champlain, a French camp, where he taught in 1924, and of which he became Assistant Director in 1925. He was also a Director of the Macdonough Point Corporation 1927-29. His widow, Elizabeth Burrows Buffum, is General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A sister, Marian, is a member of the class of 1923.

Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Charles E. Hale, '72, of Logansport, Indiana, was selected by Logansport Post No. 14 of the G. A. R. as their candidate for the position of Department Commander of the G. A. R. of Indiana at the annual election for the year 1929.

Carl A. Mead, '91, President of the Vermont Society of New York presided at the annual dinner of the Society held at the Hotel Plaza in New York on February 4th. Governor John E. Weeks, also a trustee of Middlebury, was the chief speaker.

According to reports received from Albany, New York, Alexander Macdonald '92, who was reappointed by Governor Roosevelt as Conservation Commissioner of the State, will retire on a pension in the fall.

Mr. Homer L. Skeels, '98, was elected President of the Vermont Bar Association at its recent meeting in Montpelier, Vermont.

Rev. Albertus E. Perry, ex-'98, of Baltimore, Maryland, is now on a trip to Egypt.

Mrs. Henry C. Tong (Evelyn Curtis, '00), is a director of the New Haven, Connecticut, Y. W. C. A., and the chairman of its World Fellowship Committee. Early in February she was sent to Niagara Falls, Canada, as delegate to the annual meeting of the Foreign Division of the Y. W. C. A. This was the first joint meeting of the American and Canadian national organizations, and with native women present from many countries of the world it took on quite an international aspect.

Lewis W. Lawrence, ex-'01, entered Syracuse University in September, 1927, and graduated with the degree of B. S. in Education in February, 1929. He is now teaching in White Plains, N. Y.

Judge Julius A. Willcox, '02, was recently appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont.

Irene Henry Payne, '06 has been State Librarian of the California State D. A. R.. This year she has been filling the position of District Chairman.

John McCormack, '09, is head of the Physical Science Department of Jamaica High School, Jamaica, N. Y.

Leonard D. Smith, '09, who is superintendent of schools in Morrisville, Vt., is busily engaged in organizing a reunion of the class of 1909 for the coming Commencement in June.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. White of the class of 1909 are now living at Peaks Island, Maine.

Ivan D. Hagar, '09, is sales engineer of the Titanium Pigment Co., and has just returned from a two months business trip abroad in which he visited England, France and Germany. He expects to be in Middlebury for his twentieth reunion in June.

Sidney W. Sanford, '09, is General Agent of the Register Life Insurance Company of Davenport, Iowa, and has been a member of the school board there for the last six years.

Maude Avery, '10, is librarian at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Stella Cook, '10, is spending the year with her mother at their home in Brandon, Vermont.

Lucy Holden, ex-'12, is in Montclair, N. J. Her address is 22 Upper Mountain Avenue.

Born—On October 8th, 1928, a daughter, Joan Hamilton, to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Phinney (Rachel Pike, '12).

Mrs. Weston Jeffers (Ethel Schoonmaker, ex-'12) is now living in Florence, Mass.

Harry Williams, '13, is now in Cambridge, Mass., as manager of the Swift & Co., plant of that city.

Born—To Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Charbonneau (Jessie Haskins, '13), a son, Ralph Gray Charbonneau. Dr. and Mrs. Charbonneau are living in Osborne, Kansas.

Howard C. Farwell, '13, is teaching at the Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut.

"Casey" Jones, '15, who is President of the Curtiss Flying Service, and a member of the Technical Committee of Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., has been much in the public eye of late as he contributed an article for a recent number of the Saturday Evening Post, was recently the subject of an article in the Scientific American and has become an exponent of a certain well known mentholated shaving cream, which causes his picture to be shown in the advertising section of various magazines.

Miss Clara H. Dewey, ex-'15 is now Superintendent of the Brightlook Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Leonard C. Monahan, '15, is manager of the Beacon Fishery Co. He has recently moved to 27 Channing Road, Watertown, Mass.

Miss Laura Mead, '15, who has been teacher of English and Dean of Girls at East Hartford, Connecticut, has resigned her position to attend Columbia Teachers' College in New York City, and is living with Wenona Shattuck, '16, at 106 Morningside Drive.

"Cliff" Day, '15, is now in charge of the sale of Edison Mazda lamps for the District of Columbia.

Flora Willmarth, '16, teaches in Bridgeport High School, Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is living at the College Club.

Wenona Shattuck, '16, is completing work for the Master's degree at Columbia, this semester. She is living in Seth Low Hall, 106 Morningside Drive.

Mrs. Richard Dimock, (Ella Drake, '16), resides at 44 High Street, Ilion, N. Y.

Mr. Harold M. Lane, husband of Mrs. Pauline Rowland Sistare Lane, '16, of Sapporo, Japan, is studying this year at Haverford College. Miss Wilmine Mollis Sistare, age nine, made the trip with Mr. Lane.

Mrs. L. S. Drury, '16, is now living in Still River, Mass.

Announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dunnells (Isabelle Griffith, '16, and Leslie Dunnells, ex-'23), has been received from Monte Vista, Colorado.

Alvin and Anna Fisher Metcalfe, '16, have recently returned from a short vacation in Savannah.

Dorothy Harris, '16, is instructor of Mathematics in the High School at Red Bank, N. J.

A daughter was born in December to Mr. and Mrs. Van Leuvan (Louise Smeallie, '16), of Yalesville, Conn.

Lois Bodurtha, '17, was recently married to George Herman Ester of Oakland, California.

Miss Carrie Wyckoff Ormsbee, A. M., 1917, is on the staff of the National Council for Prevention of War. She has been speaking for the Council in western New York.

Lieutenant Joseph A. Wilson, ex-'17, is now stationed at the Boston Airport, East Boston, Mass.

"Bill" Brewster, '18, is now the sole proprietor of "Birch Rock Camp" at East Waterford, Maine, a camp for boys from seven to sixteen years of age, and is taking on quite a delegation of Middlebury men as a part of his staff for the coming summer, having signed up "Buck" Hard, '17, Physical Director of the Burlington, Vt., High School; "Sammy" Guarnaccia, '30, Captain-elect of the Middlebury Football team and Warren Jacobs, of the class of 1930, another member of the Middlebury varsity Football squad.

Bessie Jennings, '18, has been teaching since Christmas in a Junior High School in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Slayton (Marguerite Jones, '18), announce the birth of a daughter. They are living at 13A Wheelwright Road, West Medford, Mass.

Harold F. Drew, '18, has changed his residence to 4 Arch Street, in Keene, New Hampshire.

Marion Dean, '18, is teaching in New York City and lives at Butler Hall, West 119th Street.

Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Margaret Chatfield, '18, is Manager of the new Pan-Hellenic House in New York City.

Dr. Stuart D. Douglas, '19, who is with the Union Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation as research chemist, has recently developed a colorless synthetic lacquer—Vinylite. This is now being manufactured by his company, and the entire output is taken by General Motors and the Dupont Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Norton Chapman (Janet Johnson, ex-'19), are living in Denver, Colorado.

Channing H. Greene, '20, who has been for several years Headmaster of the Penacook High School has recently resigned to accept a position as Headmaster of the High School in Southbridge, Mass.

Miss Mary Louise Smith, '20, was married to Howard Gilkey Boardman, of Easthampton, Mass., on March 23rd at the home of her parents in Weybridge, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman will reside at 36 Bedford Terrace, Northampton, Mass. Mr. Boardman is Director of French and Dramatics at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass. Mrs. Boardman is an instructor in the French Department of Smith College.

Ruby Bruffee, '20, of Lancaster, Mass., was recently married to Mr. C. H. Austin.

Mr. Ralph E. Sincerbox, '20, is now Manager of the Office Service Department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howell, (Fannie Lincoln, '20), of Chauk, Burma, have another daughter, Eva Mae, born January 9, 1929.

Henry S. Thomas, '20, recently announced the opening of his office for the general practice of law at 49 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

Joseph P. Kasper, '20, has been on a trip to Europe in the interest of the R. H. Macy Department Store.

Gordon Swan, '21, is living at 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Bill" Meacham, '21, is carrying on a very interesting piece of work as Superintendent of the Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island, in Boston Harbor.

Sam P. Davis, '21, is now with the Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company, Keith Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Maurice F. Lee, '21, informs us that he is living at 1350 Kenneth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

"Jack" Saur, '22, is now in charge of sales of electric refrigeration of the Birmingham Electric Company of Birmingham, Alabama.

A son, Latham Burberry Gray, Jr., was born on November 22, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Latham B. Gray (Margaret C. Dickinson, '22), of Oriskany Falls, N. Y.

The present address of Miss Marion "Carlo" Crathern, '22, is: 2065 Cornell Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. E. Lane, '22, recently transferred to Bridgeport, Conn., in the Merchandise Department of the General Electric Company.

The first French Honor Society in Rochester has been formed in Monroe High School, under the direction of Rena C. Dumas, '22, of the foreign language department. The club was named "Les Babillards". Only students having an A or B average in French are eligible for membership. Miss Dumas (185 Alexander Street, Rochester, N. Y.) has been appointed organist in the South Congregational Church to succeed Carl Baumbach.

Margaret Billings Shepard, '22, and her husband have returned from a year in London. and are living in Danbury, Connecticut.

A son was born on March 20th to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Clark of Swampscott, Massachusetts. Mrs. Clark before her marriage was Madeline McDonald, '22.

Roger T. Hall, ex-'22, who has been conducting an insurance agency in Fort Fairfield, Maine, since he withdrew from College in 1922, has kept up his interest in winter sports, which he developed as a member of the Outing team at Middlebury, and in 1927 organized the first winter carnival held in Fort Fairfield and in 1928 initiated a new plan for a triangular meet between the Limestone, Easton and Fort Fairfield High Schools.

Gertrude L. Gibbons, ex-'22, has been appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to go for three years as librarian to the Isabella Thoburn College at Lucknow, India.

Hubert W. Williams, ex-'22, died January 14th, 1929, in New Britain, Connecticut.

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cass (Velma Gates, ex-'22), died December 24, 1928, in The Children's Hospital at Los Angeles, Calif.

Helen Bolton, '23, has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Swezey (Martha Bolton, '23), in Hankow, China. She expects to return soon via the Suez Canal. Mr. H. J. Swezey, '15, and Mrs. Swezey expect to return this spring on a year's leave of absence.

"Sam" and Emily Hobbs Thompson, both of the class of '23, are the parents of twins, Harwood Hobbs and Harriet Van Denburgh, born on the 14th of last November.

Esther Langwill, '23, is head of the French Department in the High School at Oneonta, N. Y.

A daughter, Anna Ruth, was born March 18th to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton A. Harris. Mr. Harris, who was a member of the class of 1924 at Middlebury, is teaching, and studying for his Ph. D. in Chemistry, at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

Margaret Harriman, '24, is teaching nursing in the Roosevelt Hospital, West 59th Street, New York City.

Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Peck, 3rd, '24 and '26, have recently moved to 18 Woodstock Avenue, Rutland, Vt.

Miss Katherine Mix, '25, sailed on February 1st for India where she will serve as a nurse under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. She expects to remain in India for five years.

Thomas A. Jacob, '25, has informed us that he is residing at 25 Divinity Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Ruth Dodge, '25, is teaching Biology in Oneonta High School.

Louise E. Barnard, '25, is teaching in the Continuation School, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

John I. Way, ex-'25, is now living at 19 Circuit Avenue, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Word was recently received that the engagement of John E. Van Hoven, '26, and Miss Elsie B. Smith, Cornell, '24, has been announced. Mr. Van Hoven is with the New Jersey Telephone Company at Trenton, N. J.

Madeline Dunn, '26, is taking a library course at Pratt Institute. Her address is 253 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

William T. Hade, '26, is now living at 240 West 74th Street, New York City.

Vera Tower, '26, is teaching in Oneonta High School.

Miss Viola Palmer, '26, of Rutland, Vermont, is doing graduate work at Middlebury. Her address is: Hillcrest Road.

Miss Isabel R. Benedict, '26, was married on December 29th to Mr. Richard Lum. Address: 3 Center Street, Chatham, New Jersey.

On September 3, 1928, a daughter, Nancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Granville H. Luten of Hollywood, California. Mrs. Luten was Virginia Aines of the class of '26.

James S. Jackson, '26, is now in the insurance business in Akron, Ohio. His address is 200 Crescent Drive, Akron, O.

Born, November 29, 1928, a daughter, Ann Harder, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Ramsdell. Mrs. Ramsdell was Frances Harder, '26, and Mr. Ramsdell received his degree in 1928.

Helen Whipple, '27, is teaching French in Delhi, N. Y. During the past summer she lived for six weeks in a French pension in Paris. Four of the six weeks were spent in study at the Sorbonne. Her uncle, Professor George H. Brown, Head of the Modern Language Department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, her sister, Miss Gladys Whipple and Miss Edna Graham, '27, were also with her.

Beatrice Winch, '27, is assistant librarian at New York Training School for Teachers, New York City. Her address is: 400 West 118th Street, New York City.

"Cy" Seymour, '27, recently decided to follow the advice of Horace Greeley and has gone West where he will act as tutor for the next three months to Robert D. Carey, son of ex-Governor Carey of Wyoming. After his return from Wyoming Mr. Seymour will go to Bread Loaf where he will again be assistant to Dean Wilfred E. Davison at the English Summer School.

Madolyn Derrick, '27, is teaching in Valatie, N. Y.

David H. Williams, '27, is now employed with the Phoenix Insurance Company at Hartford, Connecticut. He is living at home and his mail address is: Buckland, Conn.

Mary Barker, '27, is teaching at Mattituck, Long Island. She is vice-principal of the school as well as director of the Glee Club.

Donald R. McProud, '27, and Mary Birdsall McProud, '27, are now living at 1 Gray Place, Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. McProud has been for some time in the employ of R. H. Macy & Co., in New York City.

Miriam Deedman, '27, spent last summer traveling abroad with friends.

Daniel U. Pinder, '27, is in the New Business Department of the Chase National Bank, New York City.

Harry A. Drew, ex-'27, is now located at 414 West 121st Street, New York City.

Miss Helen R. Cole, '27, was married to Mr. Lynford L. Wells on March 22 in Johnson, Vermont, where Mr. and Mrs. Wells are members of the High School faculty. Mr. Wells has accepted the position of principal of the Wells River, Vt., High School beginning with the fall term.

Donald P. Talbott, '28, is now with the New York Telephone Co., at 140 West Street, New York City.

Afton B. Hilliard, '28, is now living at 2927 Campbell Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

If you want any expert shopping done at Jordon Marsh's, write to Zella Cole, '28, and she will fill your order.

Roger P. Cleveland, '28, has been called to the Community Church of Miami Beach, Florida, as Assistant Minister and Director of Young People's Work. His address is 2307 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, Fla.

G. Peter Hayward, ex-'28, is now located at 1200 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.

Clarence P. Young, '28, is in the employ of W. R. Grace & Co., of New York and "Bill" Donald, '28, who is with an accounting firm in New York lives with "Cy" at 11 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Keeney, (Catherine Baldwin, ex-'29), of Grand Rapids, Mich., are the parents of a daughter, Nancy, born in November.

The Ninevah Slab

THE gypsum slab shown above is one of Middlebury's priceless possessions about which relatively few alumni are much informed if one may judge by the numerous questions which are raised with regard to it.

Entering the Old Chapel by the lower door one finds the slab on the North wall in what was, for many years, the Library of the Department of Pedagogy, and is now the office of the Director of Admissions and Personnel and Alumni Secretary. It is approximately seven feet square and with its heroic figure, and inscription, seems almost as fresh as when it left the chisel of the sculptor thousands of years ago.

The inscription is written in the Assyrian cuneiform character and extolls the virtues and exploits of the Assyrian king, Assur-nazir-pal who reigned from 883 B. C. to 859 B. C.

The slab was presented to the college by Dr. Wilson A. Farnsworth of the Class of 1854, for a long time a Missionary to Cesarea and Marsovan, Turkey, who also sent, for the Centennial Celebration in 1900, a hundred rare coins of the ancient world.

After the slab was excavated from its long resting place, Dr. Farnsworth had it sawed into smaller squares for convenience of packing, and transported hundreds of miles on camel's back to the sea and thence to our shores by ship.

The tremendous amount of trouble and expense involved in bringing this treasure to his Alma Mater is eloquent evidence of Dr. Farnsworth's love for Middlebury. The college has been blessed with many loyal graduates but few, if any, have given more generously than he.